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School's
Attendance

95.25%

Hello and welcome back to another busy term. We started off this term with a bang and sent out attendance data to all parents and carers. Sometimes, you don't realise what your child's attendance is like until the school report at the end of the year so we decided that we would share this data with you every term. That way, you know your child's attendance throughout the year.

At the end of last term, we celebrated the achievement of famous black people during Black History Month. Each class chose a different person to research and presented their findings to the rest of the school in an assembly. Hopefully, the children went home and could speak to you about the famous black people and their achievements that they researched.

We also held our first round of parent teacher meetings. We trust it was useful. I know from my point of view when I was teaching, meeting the parents was always beneficial and supported the children with their learning.

Mr M Isaacs

Here are the results from question 4 from the pupils' survey.

4. What do you think of your work?			
Always interesting	Most of the time it is interesting	Most of the time it is boring	It is always boring
29%	52%	15%	4%

These results were a little disappointing as only 81% of pupils reported that their work was interesting and 19% thought it was boring at some point in their year. Here at St Augustine's, I know the staff work hard to plan interesting activities every day that will support the children with their learning. Indeed, all the books that staff use for English are recommended texts and staff read and discuss them before planning each unit to make sure it is appropriate and that it will appeal to our children. As a school, we understand the importance of pupils going on trips and visits to gain the real-life experience needed so they can then write about this with a personal knowledge of it. It also helps to stimulate their minds and supports them with understanding the world around them. Along with the government's directive that all schools must offer a broad and balanced curriculum, at St Augustine's we understand that not all pupils find the academic subjects as easy as others. The role of a school is to create well-rounded children with an understanding of each subject the school can offer. This is then perfectly reflected in the class assemblies. Each week and/ or term, staff plan when they will teach all subjects and include a range of activities which promote different skills. Some may be written based whilst others may be practical based.



Remember you can give your view about St Augustine's Primary School. Please visit Parent View online and complete the short survey.



This week, I was informed of a recent community Halloween Party held in the Church Hall by parents of pupils that attend St Augustine's. The Halloween fundraiser was held during half term and involved people dressing up and having fun. The fantastic news for us at school, is that it raised an amazing £103 that has been kindly donated to the school by Mrs Nicola Evans, Mrs Michele Fricker and Mrs Fabiola Doana. This money will then be given to the school council to decide how best to spend/ use it.

On behalf of the school, may I offer a huge thank-you for this charitable donation and thank the three ladies mentioned above and everyone else who contributed to the evening.



At the start of last term, we started using CPOMS, an online child protection and safeguarding tool, to record all incidents of behaviour and accidents requiring medical help as well as any general concerns that we have about the pupils.

Although it is in the school's policy to inform parents of pupils being on 'red', it is not in our policy to inform parents if pupils miss their break. We have made the decision to now inform parents if children are missing their break times too often. That way, we can work together to support the children and help them to focus on their learning.

School Matters!



One of the many actions that I have been tasked with this academic year is to improve the attendance of the school. At the end of the last academic year, we were the 17th worst primary

school in South Gloucestershire for attendance.

As you well know, if pupils are not in school, we can not educate them. If pupils are missing school, it has a huge detrimental effect on their learning as well as their social development as they are away from their friends and friendship groups. For some pupils, this is particularly unsettling and distressing.

As a result of this, we have been in contact with the Education Welfare Officers (EWO) who will assist and guide us to help improve our attendance data and therefore the future of our children.

School Governors



It is with much sadness that we say goodbye, and thank-you, to Mrs Jane Fitzgerald for all her hard work as one of our parent governors. During her 4-year tenure, she has been instrumental in supporting the school and helping to drive it forward behind the scenes. On behalf of the school and board of governors, I'd like to offer our thanks for all your efforts and dedication to the school and we know the school is a better place from your support.

Fancy being a governor?

The role of governors is to work as a team. They are responsible for making sure the school provides a good quality education for all pupils by raising educational standards in school and working closely with the head teacher, who is responsible for the day-to-day management of the school.

Please see the attached letter and nomination form. The closing date for people to return their nomination form for this role will be midday on Friday 23rd November 2018. If we receive more than 1 nomination then we will issue ballot papers to enable you to vote for your preferred candidate.



Many apologies...

We realised that we have a clash of dates, so we have decided to change the date of the Key Stage 1 Christmas performance to Tuesday 11th December instead of Thursday the 13th.

The performances will remain at the same times - 2:30pm and 6:30pm.

Dates for your diary

Monday	7 th	January	INSET Day 3 – School Closed
Monday	25 th	February	INSET Day 4 – School Closed
Monday	3 rd	June	INSET Day 5 – School Closed
Tuesday	21 st	May	Sports day
Thursday	23 rd	May	Sports day reserve
Thursday	15 th	November	Year 5/6 Class Mass (9:30am)
Wednesday	21 st	November	School Open Day (tours at 9:30am, 11:20am and 2:00pm)
Thursday	22 nd	November	School Open Day (tours at 9:30am, 11:20am and 2:00pm)
Friday	23 rd	November	PTFA Film Club – letter to follow soon- date changed
Saturday	25 th	November	PTFA – Quiz Night (6:00pm) date changed
Friday	30 th	November	Year 2 Cake Sale (3:30pm)
Friday	7 th	December	PTFA Film Club – letter to follow soon.
Tuesday	11 th	December	Key Stage 2 to Old Vic for Christmas Carol performance Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) Nativity (2:30pm and 6:30pm)
Wednesday	12 th	December	Reception Class Nativity (2:30pm and 6:00pm)
Thursday	13 th	December	Year 4/5 Class Mass (9:30am)
Tuesday	18 th	December	Christmas School Lunch PTFA - School disco – letter to follow.
Thursday	20 th	December	School Mass - St Augustine's Church (9:30am) Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) Christmas performance in the church (6:30pm)
Friday	21 st	December	Last Day of Term.
Monday	24 th	December	Christmas Holidays
Monday	7 th	January	INSET Day 3 – School Closed
Thursday	10 th	January	School Mass - St Augustine's Church (9:30am)
Friday	11 th	January	Year 6/R Buddy Cake Sale (3:30pm)
Friday	18 th	January	Year 6 class assembly
Friday	25 th	January	PTFA Film Club – letter to follow soon.